GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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ANNUAL PROPERTY RETURN
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government officials are required to file their annual property returns, both movable and immovable;

(b) if so, the level/group beyond which the officials are required to submit such return;

(c) the yardsticks or norms to ensure and ascertain whether the officials have included all of their assets acquired by them during the year; and

(d) the manner in which a corrupt official who accumulates assets beyond known source of income, but does not reflect this in his/her return is detected and apprehended, other than through complaints received by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE II DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a)&(b): In accordance with the provisions of the Conduct Rules no Government servant shall, except with the previous knowledge of the prescribed authority, acquire or dispose of any immovable property. Further, every officer holding a Group `A` or Group `B` post is required to submit an annual return of immovable property inherited, owned or acquired by him.

A Government servant is not required to submit any annual return in respect of movable property. However, every Government servant is required to report his transactions in movable property where its value exceeds Rs. 15000/- (in the case of Group `A` or Group `B` officers) or Rs. 10,000/- (for Group `C` and Group `D` officials), within one month from the date of such transactions.

(c): The Conduct Rules cast a duty upon the Government servants to furnish the requisite information as prescribed under the Rules. A Government servant who fails to submit the return/report or who furnishes wrong information or incomplete information renders himself/herself liable for disciplinary action.

(d): In doubtful cases it is open to the prescribed authority to investigate into the correctness of the returns submitted by the Government servant.